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**Subject: FY 2003 Office of Domestic Preparedness State Homeland Security
Grant Program Part I Equipment Allocation Guidelines**
Attention: District and Local Emergency Management Coordinators

Michigan has made use of previous federal grant funds provided by the US Department of Justice/Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) to better prepare emergency responders in Michigan to react to the potential or actual use of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) weapons. Michigan has received funding for fiscal year 2003 under the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Part I to continue to better protect and prepare local communities and emergency responders statewide.

In accordance with the current State of Michigan Three-Year Domestic Preparedness Strategy (DPS) and the SHSGP Part I grant guidance, expenditures are now authorized for identified local jurisdictions. The Office of Domestic Preparedness FY 2003 SHSGP program seeks to build on progress made over the past four years (with start of 1999 funding stream for equipment) towards enhancing the capabilities of state and local emergency responders by allowing for the purchase of advanced types of equipment to enhance homeland security."

As stated in the DPS, the following recommended priorities are being provided to guide equipment purchases:

- Items needed to safeguard emergency responders (e.g., Personal Protective Equipment)
- "Reach-back communications systems for notification and warning in the event of an incident to request mutual aid or State support.
- Equipment necessary for gross decontamination, as appropriate, and for emergency lifesaving treatment of victims."

MSP EMD strongly advocates that jurisdictions exercise a duty of care to adequately equip all first responders with a basic level of CBRNE preparedness.

For a list of minimum personal protective equipment for all first responder disciplines, see Attachment A. The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command (SBCCOM) developed the Chemical Weapons Improved Response Program (CWIRP) Playbook. This document may also assist you with basic recommendations and guidelines for enhancing response and management of a chemical terrorist incident. The web site link to this document is provided in the attachment.

The ODP FY 2003 SHSGP does identify unauthorized equipment expenditures. Expenditures for items such as general-use software (word processing, graphics, spreadsheet, etc.), general-use computers and related equipment, general-use vehicles, licensing fees, weapons systems and ammunition, are not allowable. Grant funds awarded under this program may not be used to pay for equipment procured prior to the award start date of the grant, or for items otherwise budgeted for with state or local funds. ODP has provided clarification regarding general-use equipment to not allow equipment that is "normal and customary in use" and not a

CBRNE specific application. Even though equipment may appear on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) it cannot be applied to a "normal and customary" use.

Additionally, the following information and requirements also apply:

- The State of Michigan is not requiring that local jurisdictions utilize any specific vendor for the purchase of authorized equipment.
- Eligible sub-grantees will be required to expend money allocated under Office of Domestic Preparedness fiscal year 2002 State Domestic Preparedness Program (SDPP) Grant program prior to being authorized to expend fiscal year 2003 State Homeland Security Grant equipment money.
- Equipment items to be purchased under fiscal year 2003 SHSGP Part I and any equipment purchases that are currently pending under the fiscal year 2002 SDPP grant **must be accompanied by actual sales receipt or invoice.**
- The deadline for purchasing equipment items under the fiscal year 2002 SDPP is **December 31, 2003.** There will be no extensions beyond this deadline.
- The deadline for purchasing equipment items under the FY 2003 SHSGP Grant Part I is **June 4, 2004.** There will be no extensions beyond this deadline.

If you have any questions concerning this grant information please contact Mr. Mark Wesley at (517) 333-5023 or e-mail at wesleym@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment A: Minimum CBRNE Personal Protective Equipment

All emergency responders must be trained in the proper use and types of PPE for any chemical agent incident appropriate for their role and responsibilities in a response. The minimum CBRNE PPE for all emergency responders based on their expected role for their initial response should be:

- Law Enforcement Personnel
 - Full-face, negative pressure, air purifying respirators (APR) with CBRN canister and 40mm threads, level C PPE (permeable or impermeable), chemical protective gloves and boots.
- Fire Personnel
 - Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with fire fighter turnout gear or level B PPE, and chemical protective gloves and boots. (Fire fighter turnout gear is for a limited timeframe and considered as an alternative means of quick rescue of **known live victims**. This practice in no way replaces the requirements for PPE for HazMat operations.)
- Hospital/Ambulance Personnel
 - Full-face, negative pressure, air purifying respirators (APR) or powered air purifying respirator (PAPR) with CBRN canister and 40mm threads, and chemical protective gloves and boots.

NOTE: Before purchasing any respiratory protection equipment, you should be familiar with the new CBRN standard as it applies to respiratory protection. This can be viewed at www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/cbrnstdpg.html.

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